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Application of: Gauch et al.

Serial No.: 09/536,735

Filed: March 28, 2000

Entitled: ISOLATION OF NUCLEIC ACIDS ON  
SURFACES

ART UNIT: 1634

EXAMINER: B. Sisson

Attorney Docket No.: QGN-009.2 US

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER and PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith are: [X] a check in the amount of \$ 410.00 in payment of fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2); [X] a Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111; [ ] an IDS, with a modified Form 1449 and cited reference; [X] a return receipt postcard, to be filed in the above-identified patent application.

**FEE FOR ADDITIONAL CLAIMS**

- [X] A fee for additional claims is not required.  
[ ] A fee for additional claims is required. The additional fee has been calculated as shown below:

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	NUMBER OF EXCESS CLAIMS	RATE	FEES DUE
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INDEPENDENT	1	10	0		= 0.00
FIRST INTRODUCTION OF MULT. DEPENDENT CLAIM					= 0.00
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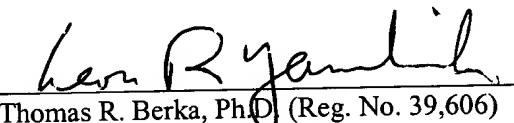
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

- [X] Extension is requested under 37 CFR 1.136(a), and the following extension fee is applicable for the Response filed herewith: [ ] \$110.00 for response within first month pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1);  
 **\$410.00 for response within second month pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(a)(2);**  
[ ] \$930.00 for response within third month pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(a)(3);  
[ ] \$1450.00 for response within fourth month pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(a)(4);  
[ ] \$1970.00 for response within fifth month pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(a)(5).
- [X] A check including the amount of [ ] \$110.00  \$410.00 [ ] \$930.00 [ ] \$1450.00 [ ] \$1970.00 in payment of the extension fee is transmitted herewith. (check no. 4536)
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**RESPONSE TO AN OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

Sir:

This paper and accompanying documents are filed in response to the Office Action (Paper No. 14), mailed November 27, 2002. This response is accompanied by a Petition for a two-month extension of time for filing a response and the fee pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(2).

Formal drawings are also submitted concurrently herewith.

The claims are amended as indicated below on separate sheets (below), wherein a strikethrough indicates deletion and underlining indicates added terms and phrases. Applicants' remarks regarding the Office Action follow the claims.

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